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THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF LONELINESS...

THERE'S THE KIND OF LONELINESS A YOUNG BOY LIKE **CHRISTOPHER THORNDYKE** FEELS WHEN HIS PARENTS ARE AWAY AT WORK FOR DAYS, WEEKS, EVEN MONTHS AT A TIME.

EVEN THOUGH HE HAS HIS GRANDFATHER CHUCK, ELLA THE MAID, AND MR. TANAKA THE BUTLER TO LOOK AFTER HIM AND HIS FRIENDS, SONIC, TAILS, AMY, CREAM, AND CHEESE ARE ALMOST ALWAYS AROUND, THE EXPANSIVE THORNDYKE MANSION STILL FEELS EMPTY WITHOUT HIS PARENTS TO TUCK HIM IN AT NIGHT.



EVEN THOUGH SHE APPRECIATES CHRIS'S FRIENDSHIP AND IS GLAD TO HAVE SOME OF HER FRIENDS FROM HOME AROUND HER, THERE'S THE KIND OF LONELINESS A YOUNG RABBIT LIKE **CREAM** FEELS BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER WORLD AND MAY NEVER SEE HER MOTHER AGAIN.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE **THIS** IS THE **KING** OF ANYTHING.

IT HAS TO TASTE BETTER THAN THE **BOX OF DOMINOES** WE HAD FOR LUNCH.

I'LL NEVER GET THE DOOR AGAIN.

EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE A HUMAN FRIEND LIKE CHRIS TO TEACH THEM THE WAYS OF EARTH, THERE'S THE KIND OF LONELINESS THAT **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**, **AMY ROSE THE HEDGEHOG**, AND **TAILS THE FOX** FEEL BEING AWAY FROM THEIR WORLD AND NOT KNOWING IF THEY WILL EVER FIND THEIR WAY BACK TO THEIR **REAL HOME**.



I'LL MISS YOU VERY MUCH IF YOU GO WITH THE OTHER CHAO, CHEESE.

EVEN THOUGH HE LOVES CREAM, THERE'S THE KIND OF LONELINESS THAT **CHEESE THE CHAO** FEELS KNOWING THAT HE TURNED DOWN THE CHANCE TO LIVE AMONG OTHER CHAO IN ORDER TO STAY ON EARTH WITH HIS FRIEND.



EVEN THOUGH THEY ALL FEEL A LITTLE LONELINESS EVERY DAY, THERE IS STILL HOPE THAT THEY WILL SEE THEIR PARENTS, THEIR HOMES, AND OTHERS LIKE THEMSELVES AGAIN.

BUT THERE IS A **SPECIAL LONELINESS** YOU FEEL WHEN YOU KNOW YOU ARE THE **LAST OF YOUR KIND** AND THAT YOU WILL **NEVER SEE ANYONE ELSE LIKE YOURSELF** IN YOUR LIFETIME.

THAT'S THE KIND OF LONELINESS THAT **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA** LIVES WITH EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY...



SINCE HIS ANCESTRAL HOME OF **ANGEL ISLAND** WAS TRANSPORTED FROM HIS HOME WORLD TO EARTH, **KNUCKLES** HAS RESIDED HERE.

AS THE LAST OF HIS PEOPLE, **KNUCKLES** INHERITED THE ROLE OF **PROTECTOR OF THE MASTER EMERALD**.

FOR GENERATIONS, **KNUCKLES'S TRIBE** GUARDED THE **MASTER EMERALD** AND THE **SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS** ON ANGEL ISLAND.

ONE DAY, A NEIGHBORING TRIBE ATTACKED ANGEL ISLAND. THE TRIBE DECIDED TO USE THE POWER OF THE EMERALDS AGAINST THE INVADERS.

BUT THE TRIBE WAS **DESTROYED** BY THEIR OWN **FEAR** AND **ANGER** WHEN THEY TRIED TO CONTROL THE EMERALDS.



LIKE SONIC AND HIS OTHER FRIENDS, **KNUCKLES** WAS TRANSPORTED TO EARTH DURING A BATTLE BETWEEN SONIC AND DR. EGGMAN.

WITH THE ALL-POWERFUL **MASTER EMERALD** NOW ON EARTH WITH HIM, **KNUCKLES** HAS SWORN TO MAKE SURE **NO ONE ELSE EVER ABUSES ITS MASSIVE POWER**.




IT IS A **LONELY JOB**, BUT **KNUCKLES** KNOWS HE IS THE **ONLY BEING** ON HIS ADOPTED WORLD WHO IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THIS IMPORTANT MISSION...




HUH?




...knuckles,
you are needed...



TIKAL? I THOUGHT YOU HAD RETURNED TO YOUR TIME AND PLACE WITH THE CHAOS MONSTER AND THE CHAO!




THE MASTER EMERALD HAS BROUGHT ME BACK TO THIS PLACE BECAUSE THERE IS **GREAT DANGER**.



THERE IS A **GREAT BATTLE** BEING WAGED HERE.


I'M THE ONLY PERSON ON ANGEL ISLAND. THERE IS NO BATTLE BEING FOUGHT HERE.



NOT ON ANGEL ISLAND, BUT ON THIS PLANET IN THIS TIME.

THE MASTER EMERALD TRANSPORTED ME BACK FROM THE PAST SO I MAY HELP DEFEAT THE **OVERWHELMING CHAOS** THAT HAS BEEN UNLEASHED.

BUT I DO NOT COME HERE ALONE. I HAVE BROUGHT A **VAST ARMY**.



NOW, IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SEE THIS PLANET DESTROYED, COME WITH US AND JOIN THE **FRAY!**

WE NOW JOIN THE BATTLE, ALREADY IN PROGRESS...

IN HIS LATEST SCHEME TO CONQUER THE EARTH, DR. EGGMAN SOLD HIS SPECIALLY DEVELOPED CHAO TO THE PEOPLE OF STATION SQUARE. WHEN EVERYONE IN TOWN HAD A CHAO AS A PET, EGGMAN SENT OUT A RADIO SIGNAL THAT TRANSFORMED THE CUTE, CUDDLY PETS INTO CREATURES OF PURE MAYHEM.

THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA REPORTING LIVE FROM DOWNTOWN STATION SQUARE.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT SUDDENLY EVERYBODY'S CHAO HAVE GONE CRAZY AND ARE ATTACKING PEOPLE LEFT AND RIGHT!

WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S DRIVING EGGMAN'S CHAO MAD AND STOP IT BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT!



I NEVER PROMISED YOU A CHAO GARDEN

PART TWO

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WILL ANYBODY BE ABLE TO SAVE STATION SQUARE FROM COMPLETE DESTRUCTION?

WITH PET CHAO THE CITY'S LATEST FAD, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF THE NOW-CRAZED CREATURES RUNNING RAMPANT!



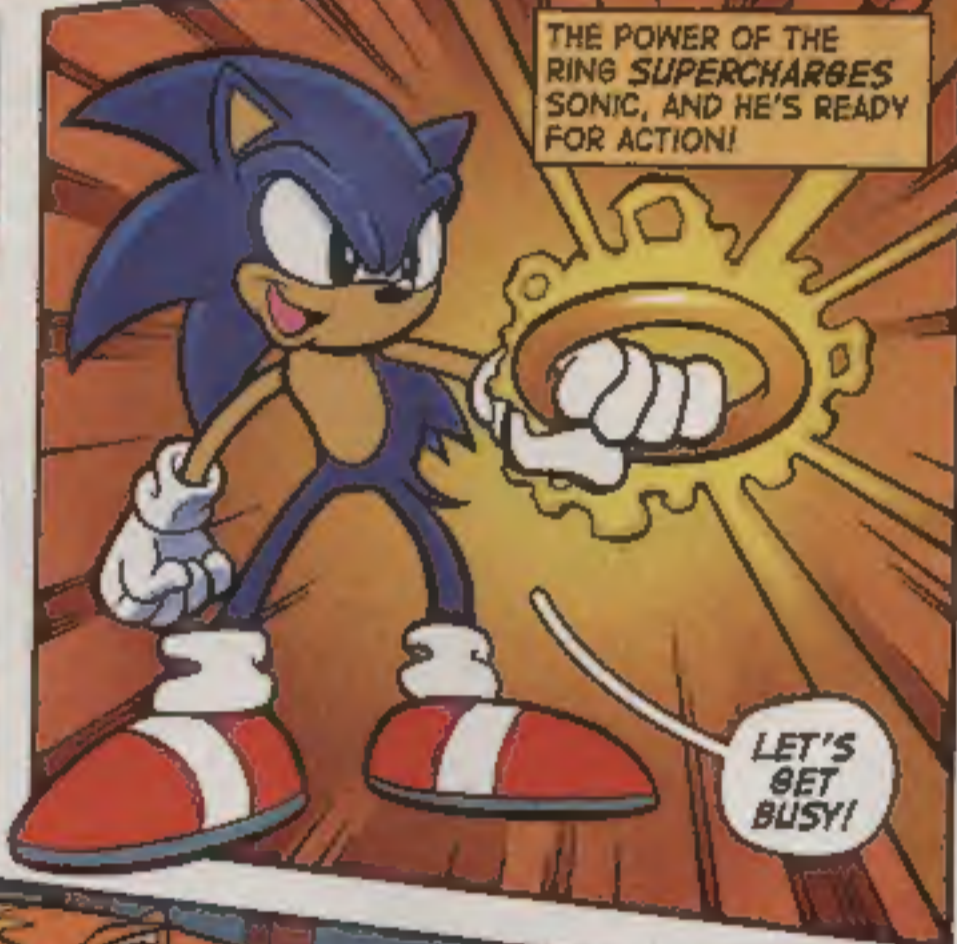
RING ME, TAILS!

CATCH, SONIC!



THE POWER OF THE RING SUPERCHARGES SONIC, AND HE'S READY FOR ACTION!

LET'S GET BUSY!

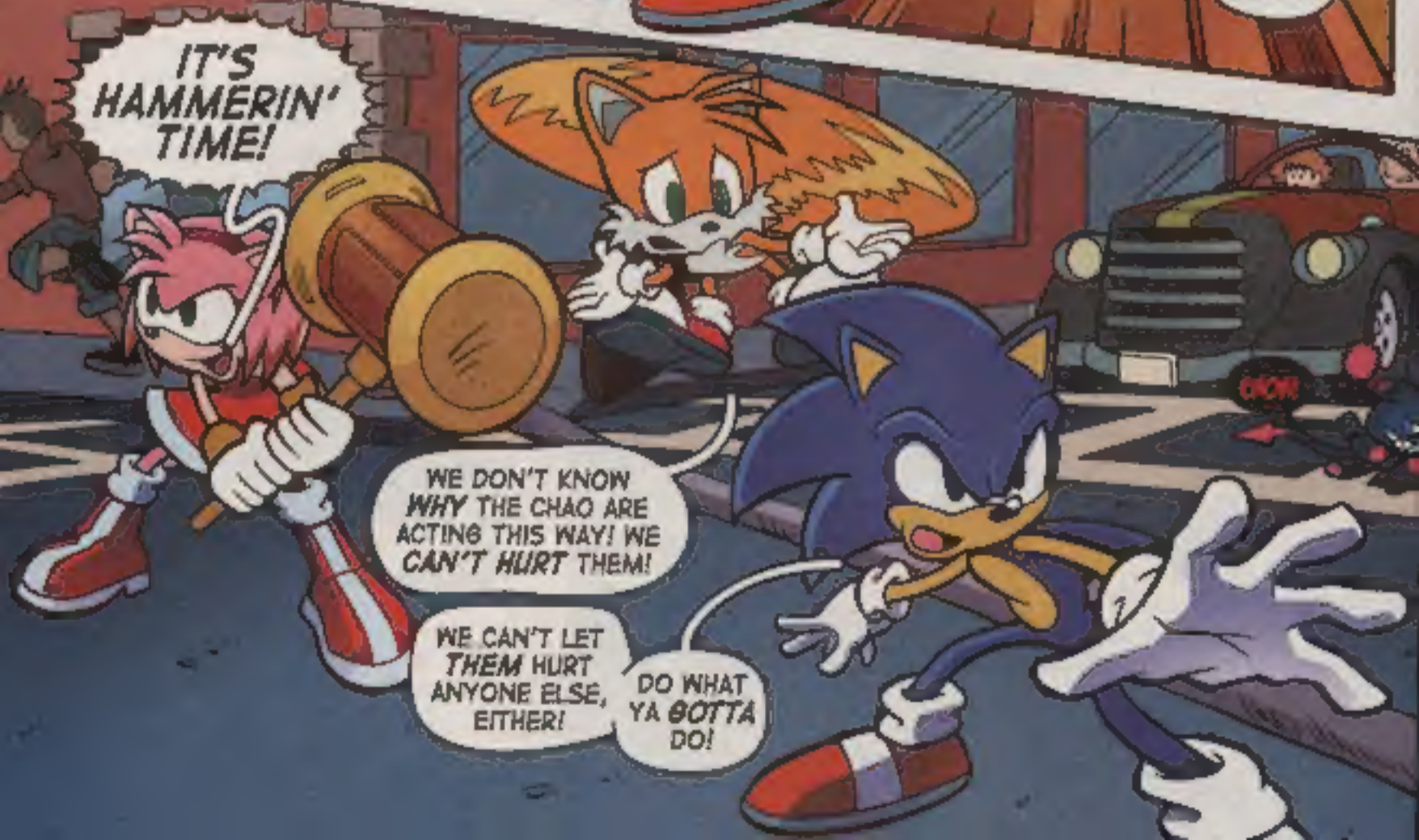


IT'S HAMMERIN' TIME!

WE DON'T KNOW WHY THE CHAO ARE ACTING THIS WAY! WE CAN'T HURT THEM!

WE CAN'T LET THEM HURT ANYONE ELSE, EITHER!

DO WHAT YA GOTTA DO!





GO AWAY!
LEAVE ME
ALONE!



HELP!



AAAAAAA!

EEP!

GOING
DOWN!



GROUND
FLOOR.
EVERYBODY
OFF.

CRASH!



I'VE ALREADY HAD ONE SHOWER TODAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

THUD!



WHAT'S WRONG, CHEESE?

CHAO CHAO CHAO CHAO CHAO



YOU THINK YOU SCARE ME 'CUZ YOU TOOK MY HAMMER?



WHAT DID CHEESE SAY, CREAM?

HE SAYS HE HEARS A DREADFUL SOUND THAT'S GIVING HIM A TERRIBLE HEADACHE.



THERE ARE ALWAYS MORE HAMMERS WHERE THAT ONE CAME FROM!



I WONDER IF THE OTHER CHAO HEAR THE SOUND TOO AND IF THAT'S WHAT IS MAKING THEM ACT THIS WAY.

IT COULD PROVIDE THE KEY TO PUTTING AN END TO THE MAYHEM!

MEANWHILE, DR. EGGMAN, THE EVIL GENIUS WHO SET ALL THIS MAYHEM INTO MOTION, WATCHES HIS HANDIWORK WITH BLEE.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SO MUCH BLEE, DECOE?

NOT SINCE THE BOSS STOLE THE LOLLIPOPS FROM THE ORPHANAGE.

LOLLIPOPS? WHY HAVEN'T I HEARD ABOUT THIS BEFORE NOW?

HEE HEE
HEE HEE HEE!
MY PLAN IS GOING PERFECTLY!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS ARE ON THE SCENE IN DOWNTOWN STATION SQUARE, BUT THINGS HERE ARE STILL IN A STATE OF COMPLETE PANDEMONIUM.

FOR EVERY CRAZY CHAO THEY CAPTURE, THERE ARE A DOZEN MORE RUNNING WILD.



BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

THE RADIO SIGNAL I'M TRANSMITTING IS DRIVING ALL THE CHAO I CREATED FROM THE CLIPPING I TOOK FROM CHEESE ABSOLUTELY WILD!



NOW WE TAKE THE NEXT STEP!

FOLLOW ME, MY TIN-PLATED MINIONS!

WHAT'S A "MINION", BOCOE?

WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK IT UP IN THE DICTIONARY LATER, DECOE.

BEHOLD
MY LATEST
CREATION—

I WANT A
LOLLIPOP!

DECOE,
HOW DID
WE NOT
KNOW HE
WAS
BUILDING
THIS?

WE'VE BEEN
TOO BUSY
REBUILDING THE
LABORATORY TO
SEE THE BOSS
WORKING ON THIS
OR CREATING HIS
CHAO GARDEN,
BOCOE

EGG-GANTORI!

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WITH
STATION SQUARE
OVERRUN WITH MY
MISCHIEVOUS CHAO, IT
WILL BE EASY TO
STOMP THE CITY
INTO SUBMISSION
AND BE CROWNED
EMPEROR!

WOULDN'T IT
BE EASIER JUST TO TALK
THE PEOPLE OF STATION
SQUARE YOU'LL TURN
OFF THE TRANSMITTER
AND STOP YOUR CHAO
FROM CAUSING TROUBLE
IF THEY MAKE YOU
EMPEROR?

MAYBE ..
BUT IT WOULDN'T
BE NEARLY AS
MUCH FUN!

CAN I HAVE A
LOLLIPOP?
I LOVE
LOLLIPOPS!

BE QUIET,
BOKKUN!

ALL ABOARD,
MY LACKLUSTER
LACKEYS!

WE HAVE
SERIOUS
STOMPING
TO DO!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

WHY DO I GET
THE FEELING
WE'RE THE
ONES WHO ARE
GOING TO GET
STOMPED?

I DON'T THINK WE CAN STOP THEM ALL.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'RE SAYING?

JUST THE USUAL—RESISTANCE IS USELESS, THEY'RE GOING TO SUCK THE MARROW FROM OUR BONES, AND OUR MOTHERS WEAR ARMY BOOTS.

CHON!
CHON!

SPLIT UP!

CRASH!

THAT WAS MY FAVORITE HARDWARE STORE!

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

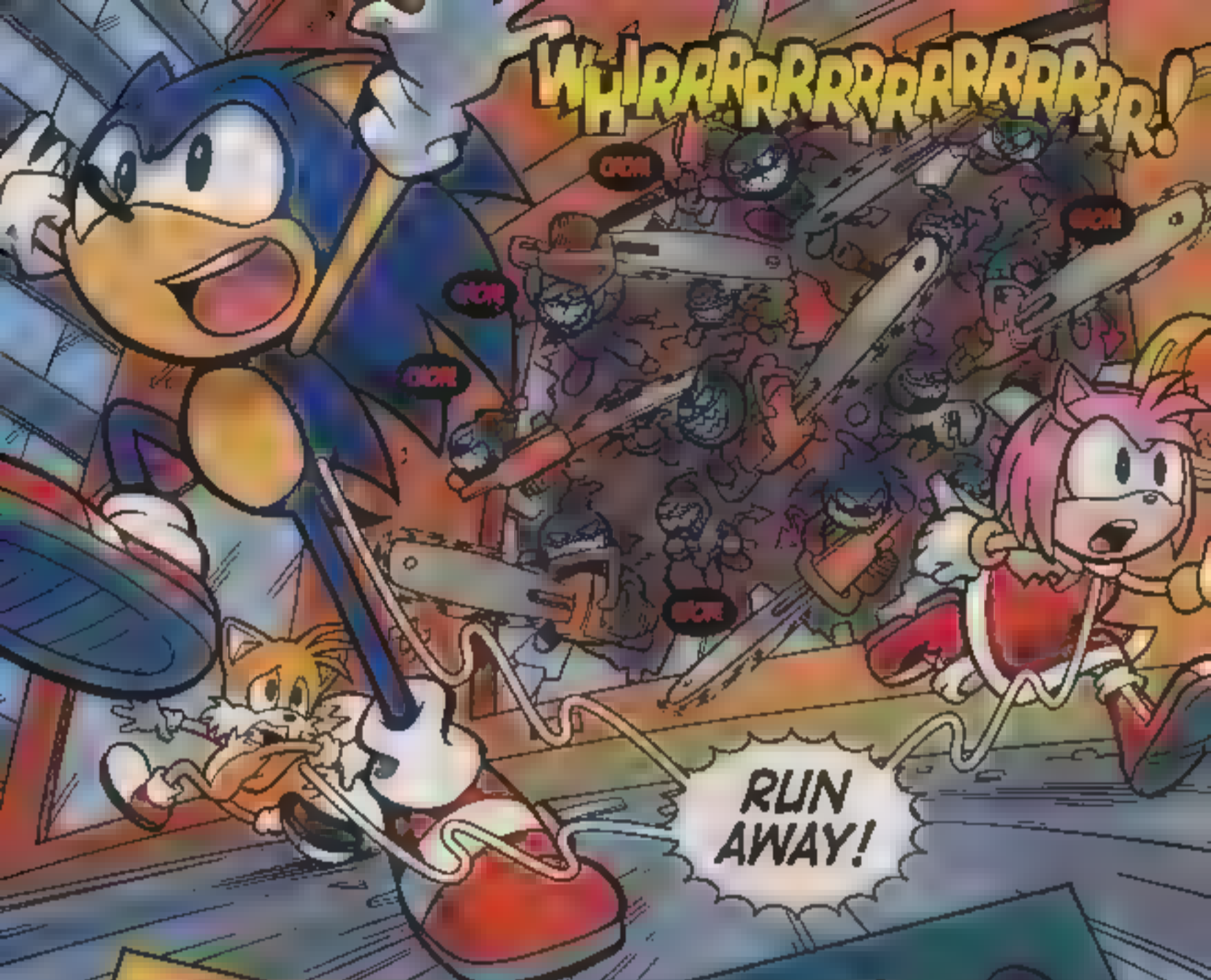
MAYBE THERE'S A SALE ON TOOTH SHARPENERS.

WHIRRRRRRRRRRR!

THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD!

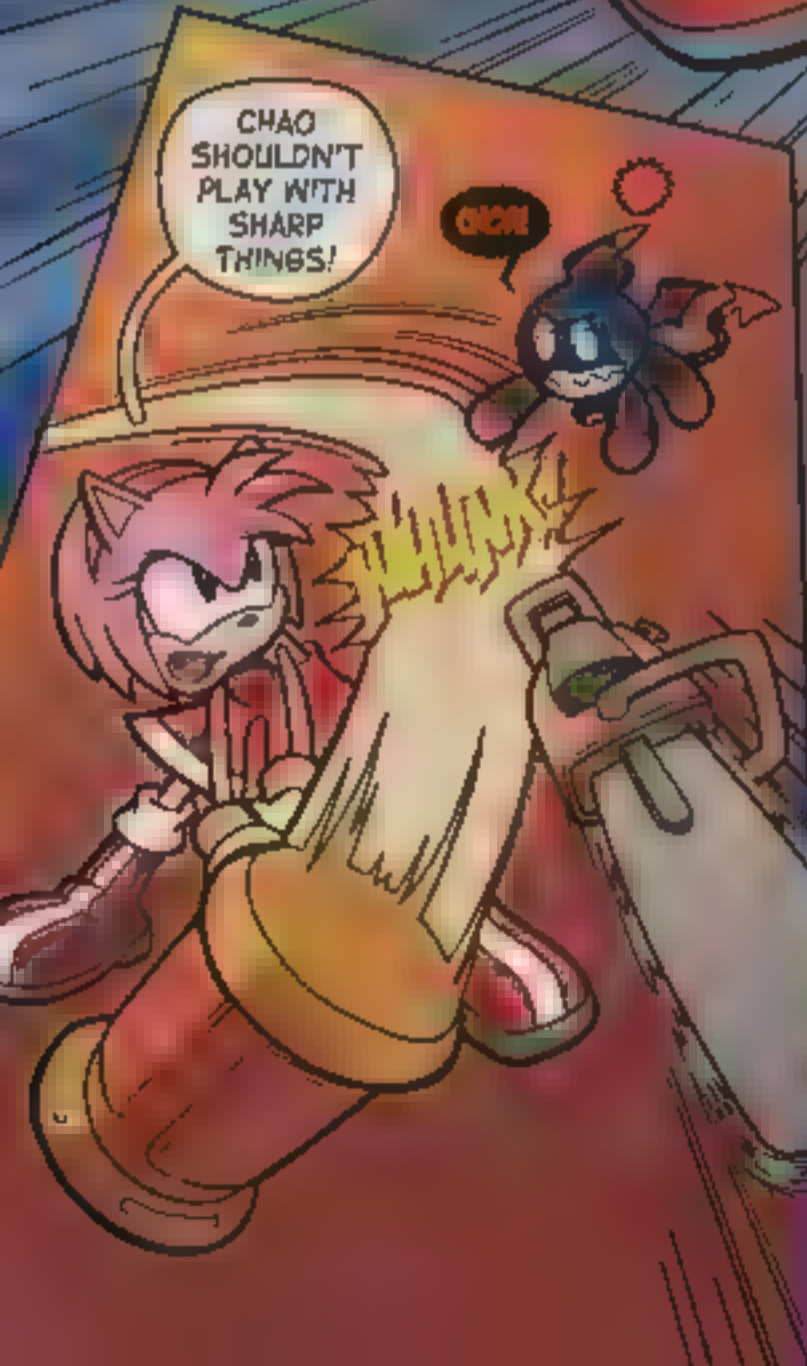
ARE THERE REALLY TOOTH SHARPENERS ON TH'S PLANET?

I THOUGHT I WAS MAKING A JOKE!



WHIRRRRRRRRRRRRR!

RUN AWAY!



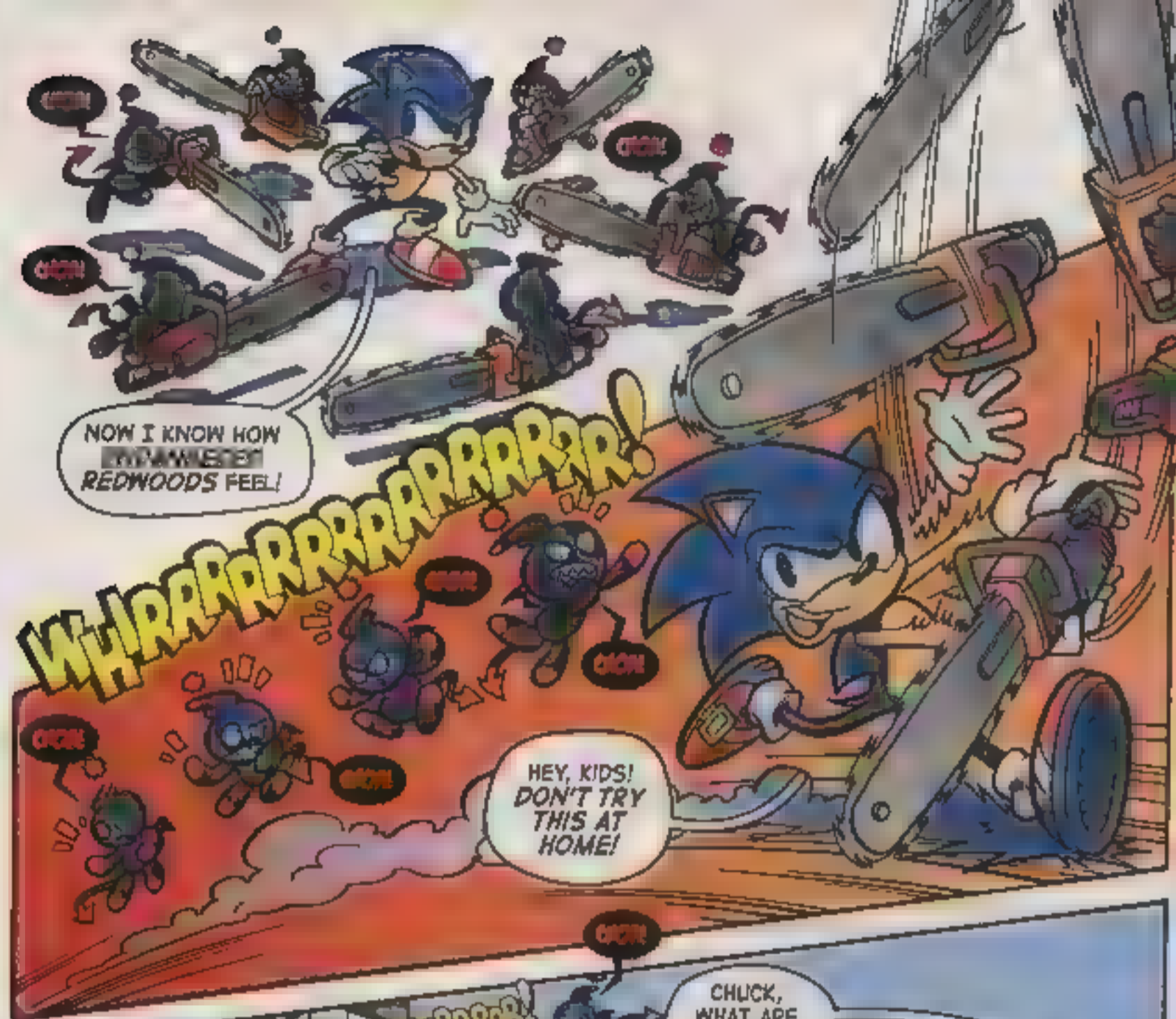
CHAO SHOULD'N'T PLAY WITH SHARP THINGS!

WHIRRRRRRR!



CUT IT OUT!

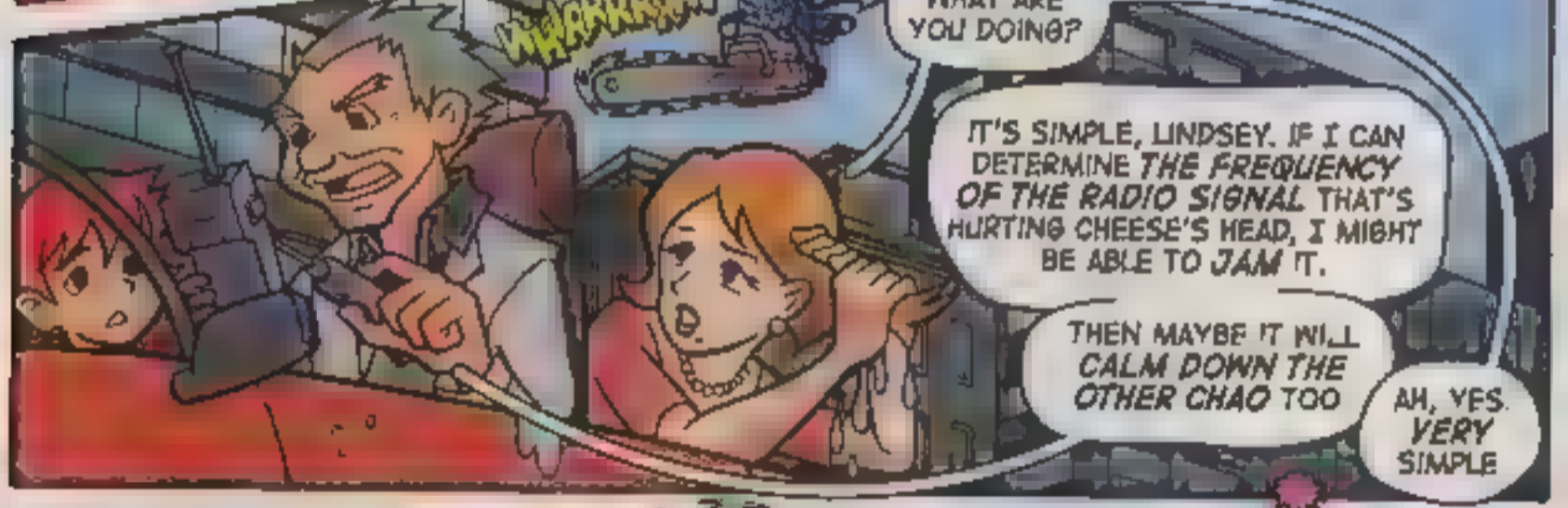
WHIRRRRRRR!



NOW I KNOW HOW
~~THE~~
REDWOODS FEEL!

WHIRRRRRRRRRRR!

HEY, KIDS!
DON'T TRY
THIS AT
HOME!

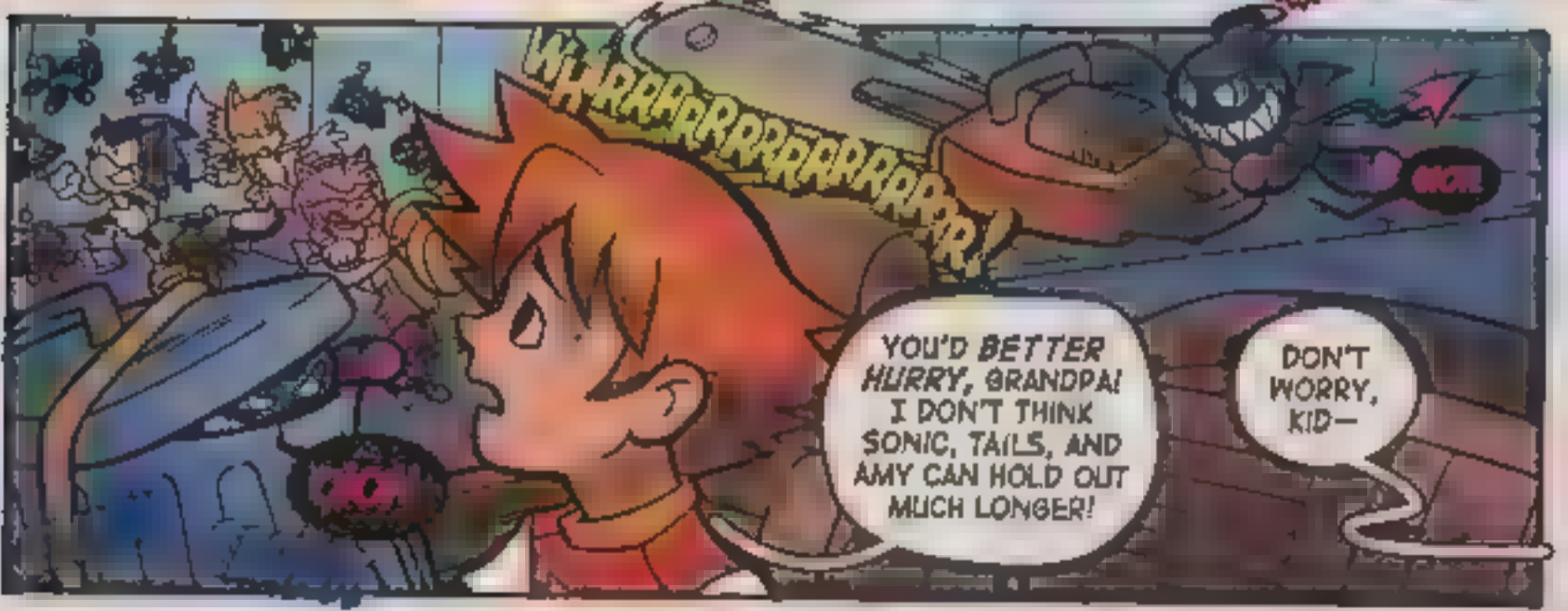


CHUCK,
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?

IT'S SIMPLE, LINDSEY. IF I CAN
DETERMINE THE FREQUENCY
OF THE RADIO SIGNAL THAT'S
HURTING CHEESE'S HEAD, I MIGHT
BE ABLE TO JAM IT.

THEN MAYBE IT WILL
CALM DOWN THE
OTHER CHAO TOO

AH, YES.
VERY
SIMPLE



YOU'D BETTER
HURRY, GRANDPA!
I DON'T THINK
SONIC, TAILS, AND
AMY CAN HOLD OUT
MUCH LONGER!

DON'T
WORRY,
KID—



CHAO!

GON!

GON!

GON!

CHAO!

GON!

-HELP HAS ARRIVED!

CHAO!

GON!

CHAO!

CHAO!

GON!

OH MY!

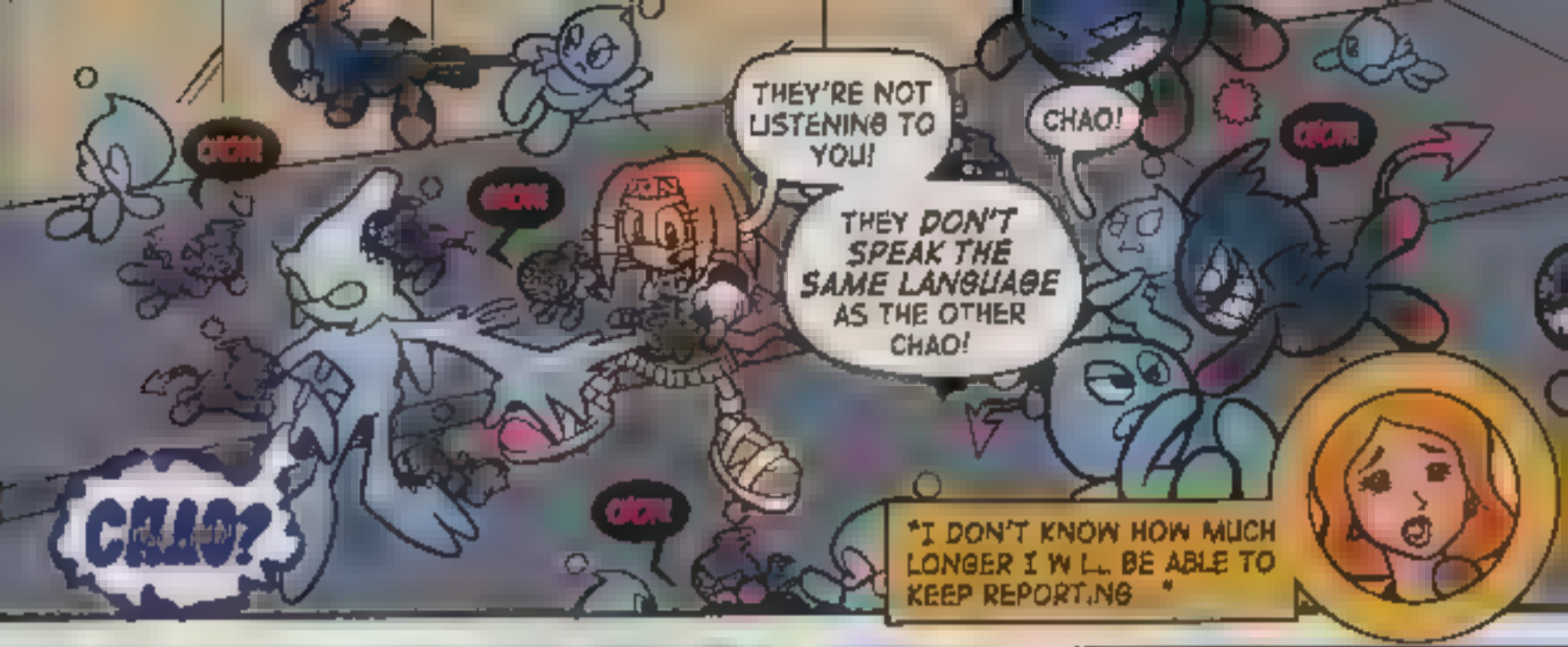
CHAO!

CHAO!

CHAO!

"REINFORCEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED IN THE FORM OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA AND AN ARMY OF CHAO..."

"ALSO HELPING IN THE BATTLE IS THE CHAOS CREATURE THAT ATTACKED STATION SQUARE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO SINCE HIS ENCOUNTER WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE CREATURE HAS CHANGED ITS WAYS AND IS HELPING TO SAVE THE CITY!"



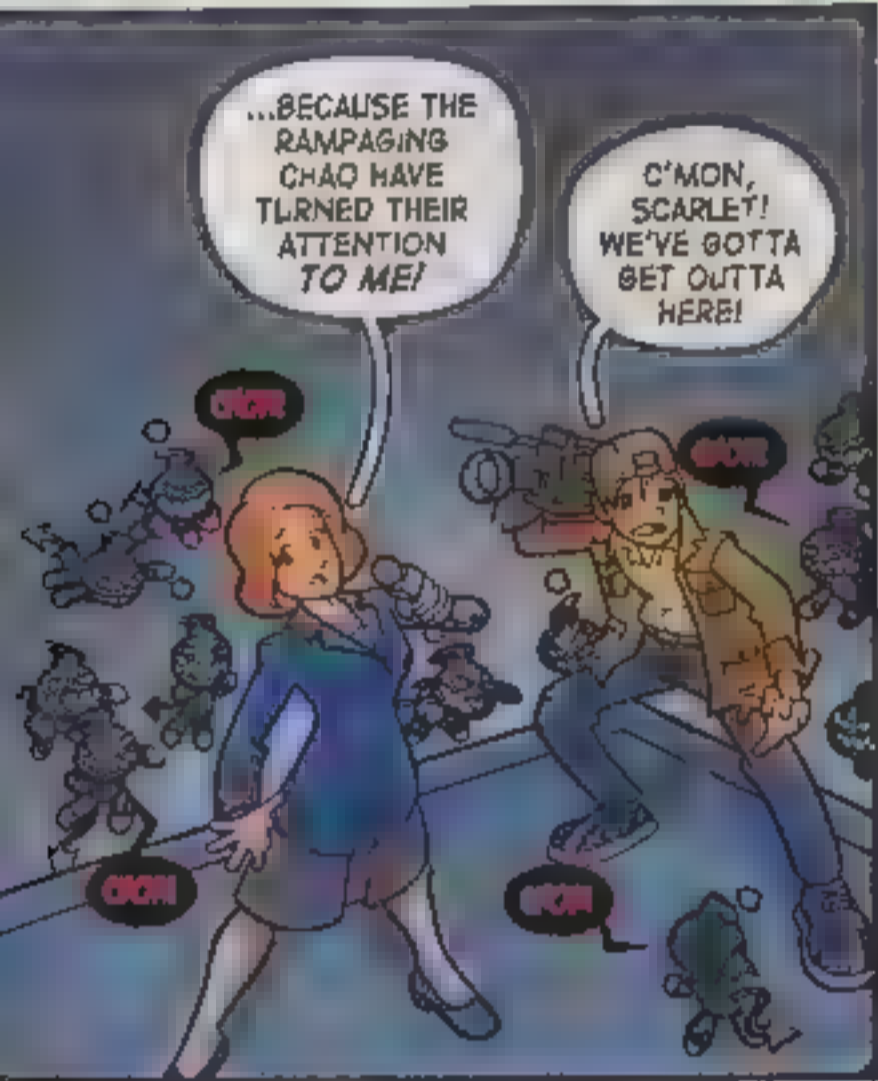
THEY'RE NOT LISTENING TO YOU!

THEY DON'T SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE AS THE OTHER CHAO!

CHAO!

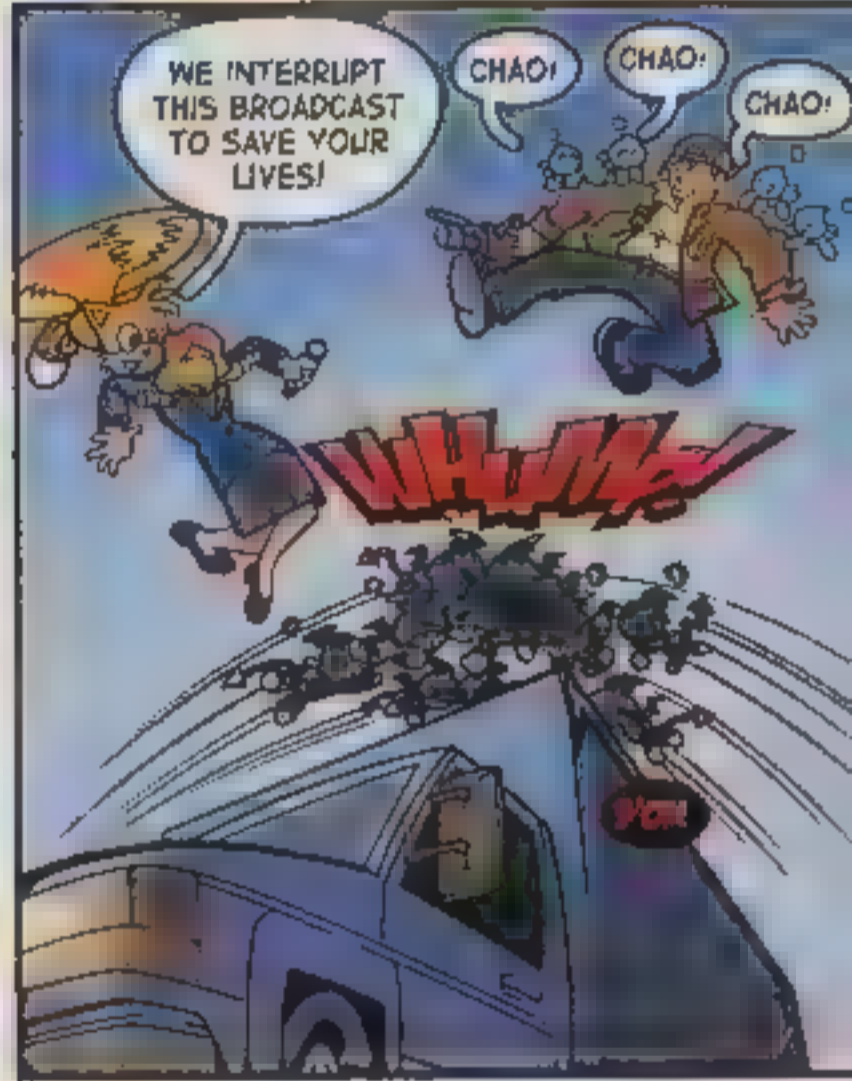


"I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP REPORTING"



...BECAUSE THE RAMPAGING CHAO HAVE TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO ME!

C'MON, SCARLET! WE'VE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!

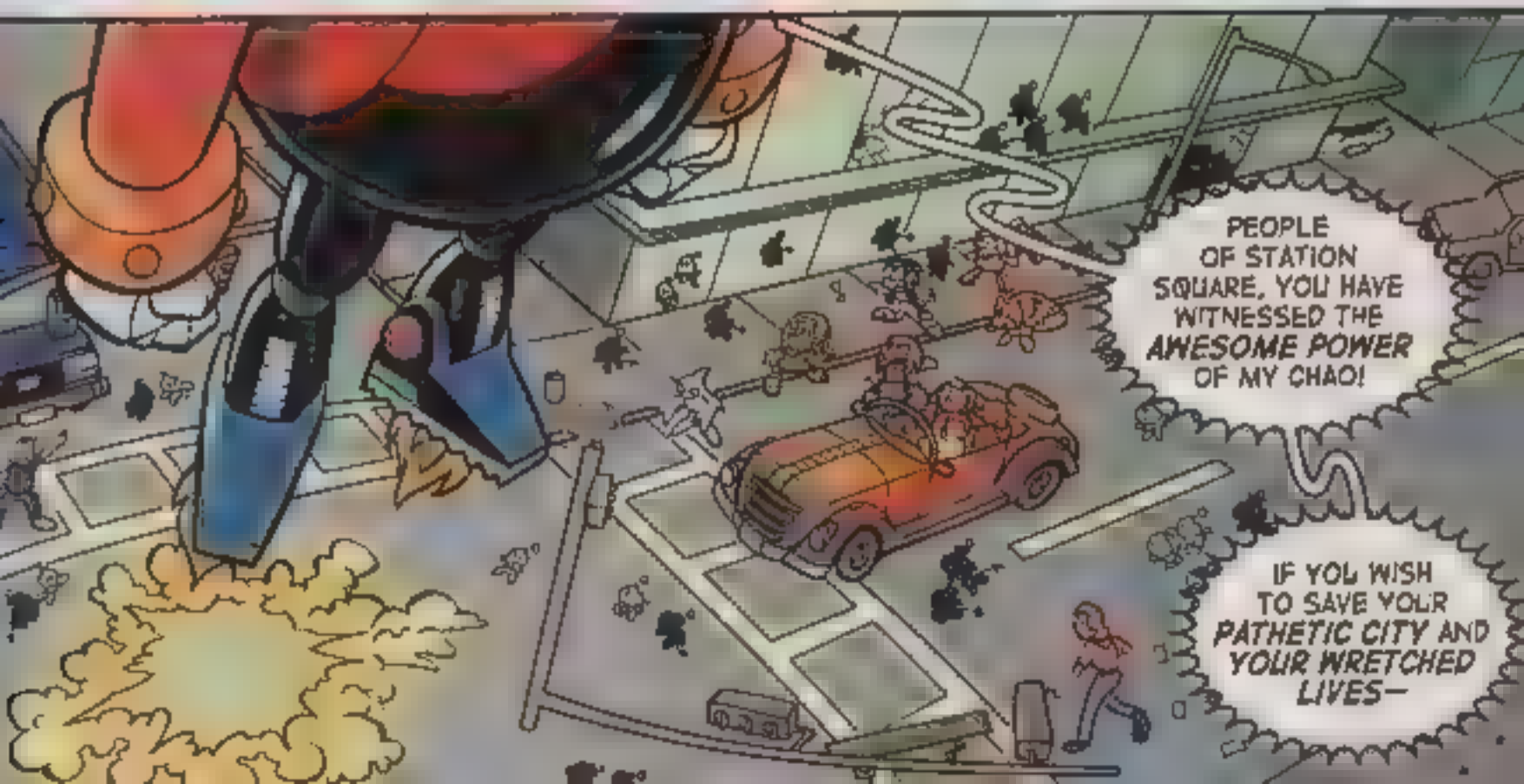


WE INTERRUPT THIS BROADCAST TO SAVE YOUR LIVES!

CHAO!

CHAO!

CHAO!



PEOPLE OF STATION SQUARE, YOU HAVE WITNESSED THE AWESOME POWER OF MY CHAO!

IF YOU WISH TO SAVE YOUR PATHETIC CITY AND YOUR WRETCHED LIVES—

—THEN YOU WILL SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY AND NAME ME, DR. EGGMAN, THE UNDISPUTED EMPEROR OF EARTH!

TIKAL SENDS A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE TO HER ARMY

the time has come, my chaos friends...

DO NOT FEAR, SONIC. WE ARE PREPARED!

OH, GREAT! THIS IS JUST WHAT WE NEED!

...to give your protector the seven chaos emeralds...

CHAO!

CHAO!

CHAO!

CHAO!

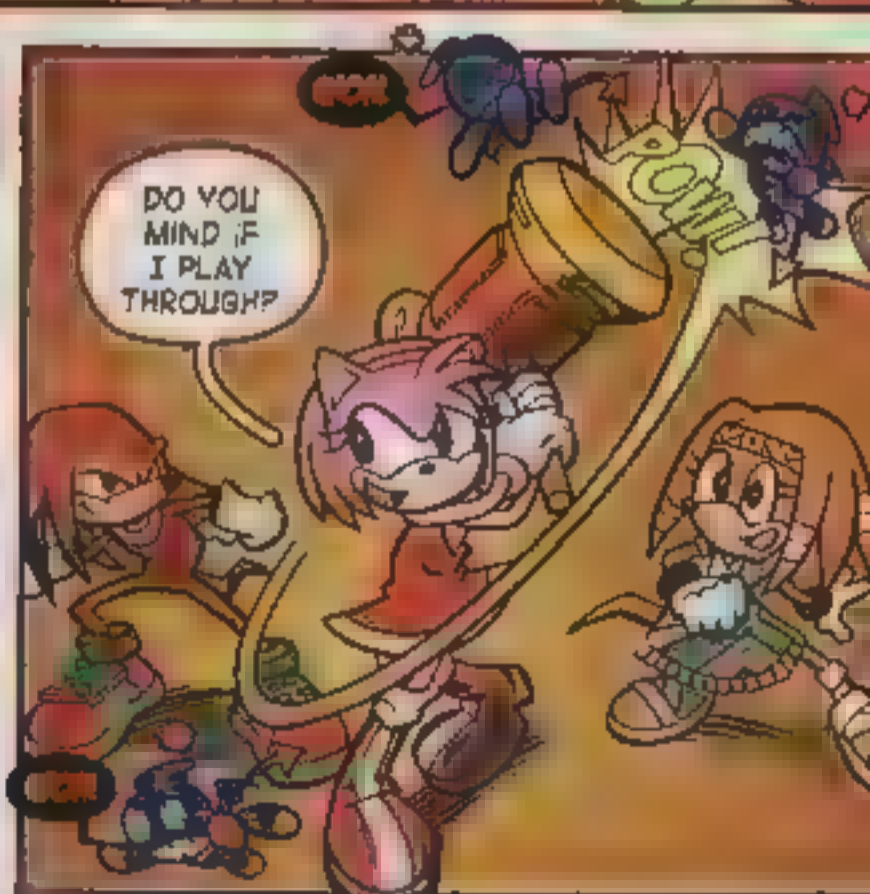
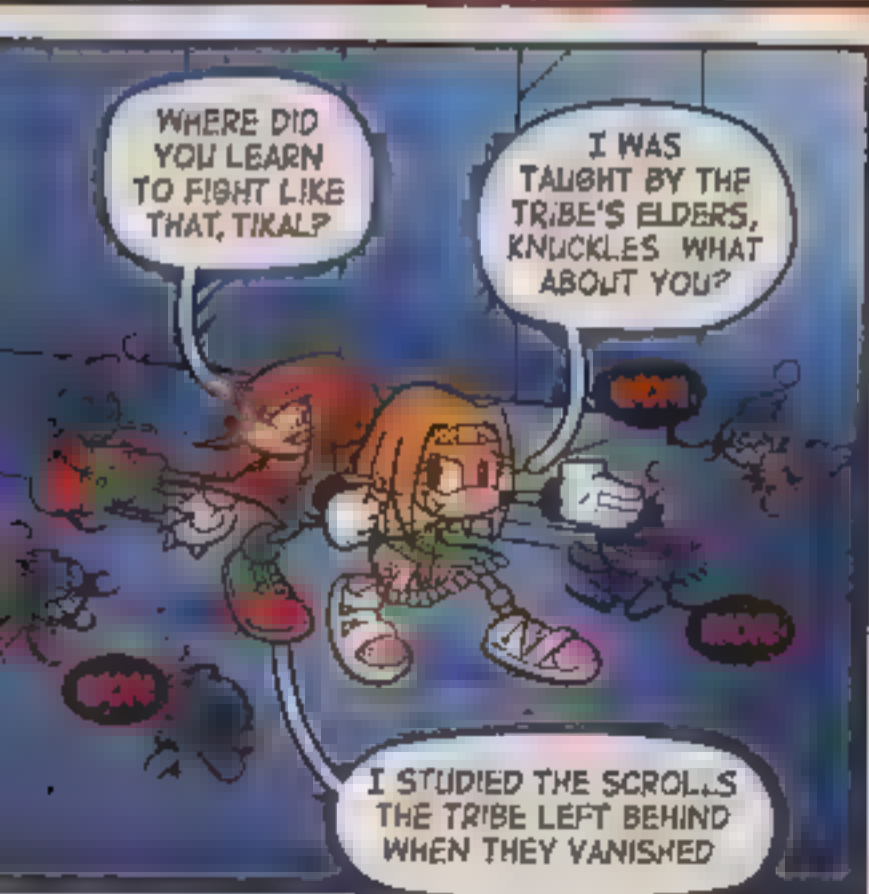
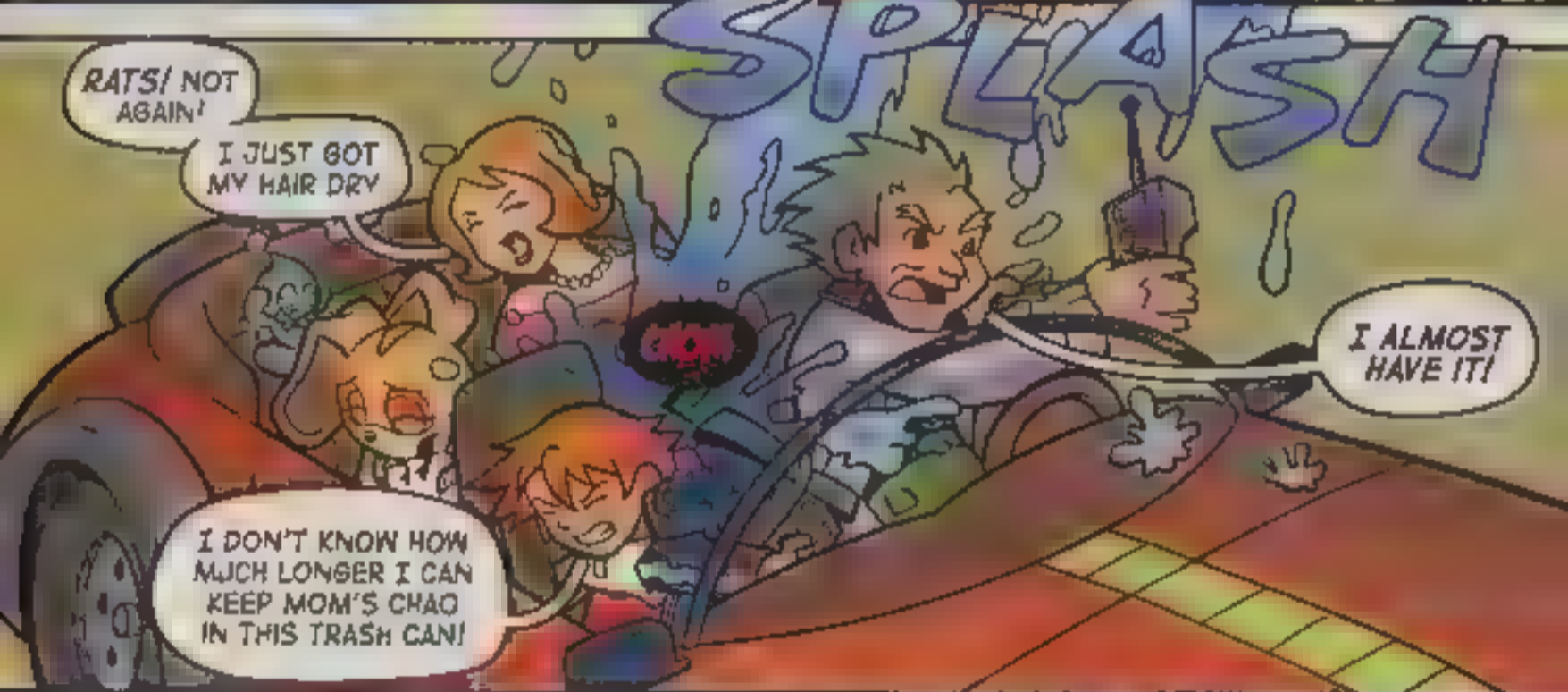
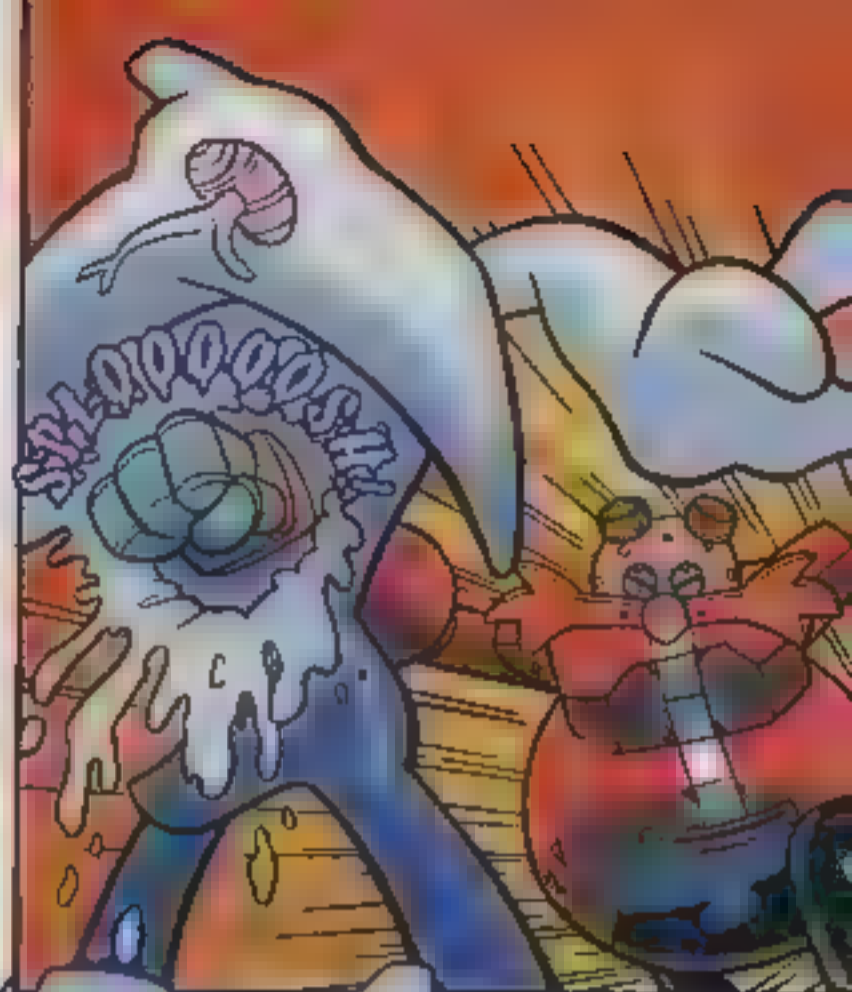
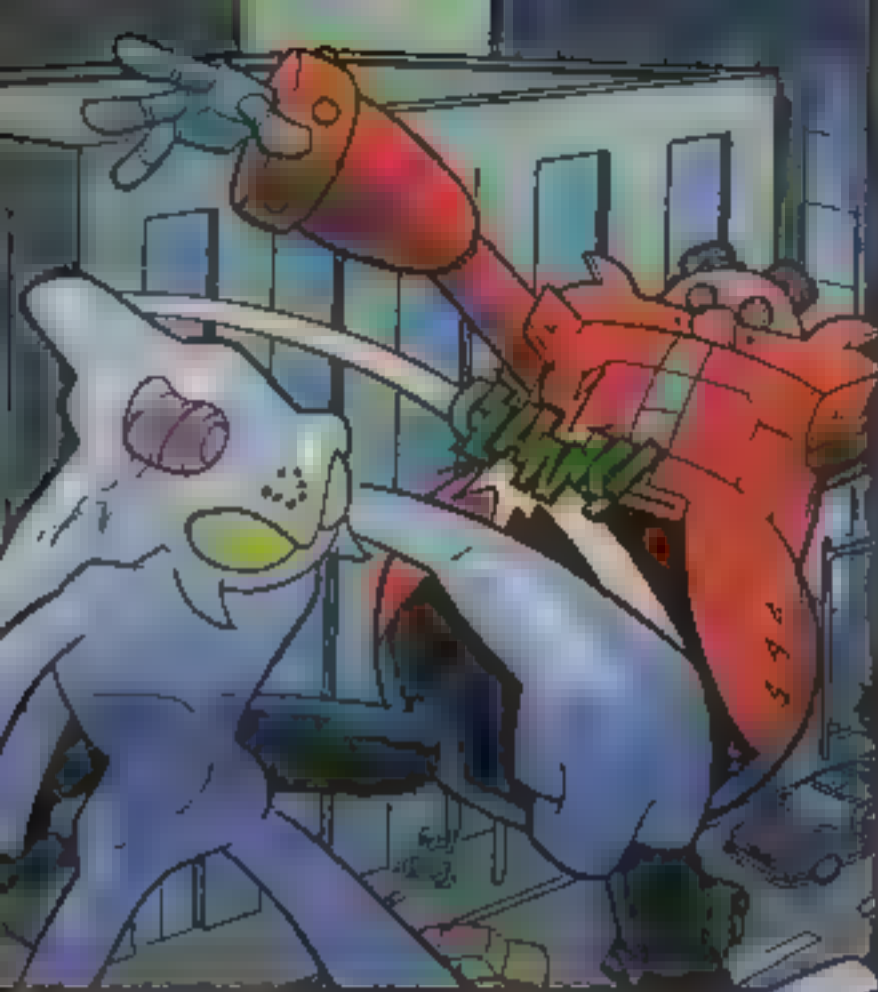
...so that he may grow to full power!

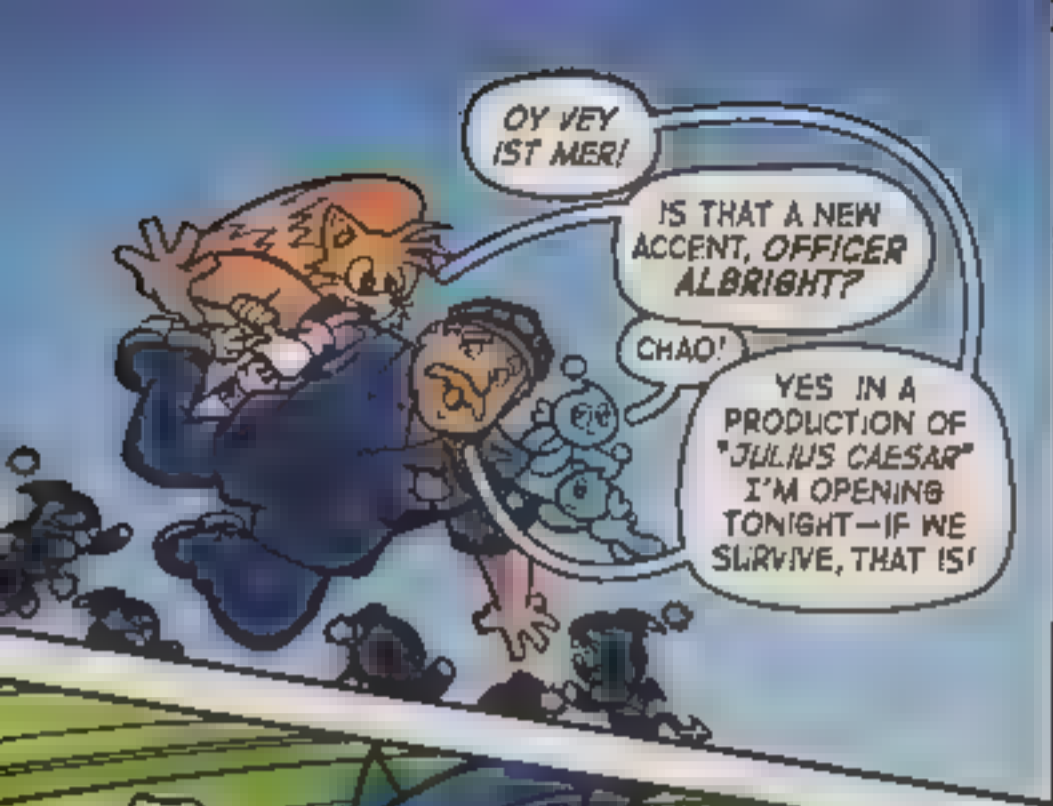
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA? THE LAST TIME THE CHAOS CREATURE HAD THE EMERALDS, HE NEARLY DESTROYED STATION SQUARE

"THE CHAOS CREATURE WILL DRAW HIS STRENGTH FROM OUR COURAGE AND GOODNESS AND WILL USE IT TO DEFEAT OUR ENEMIES."

OH, BOTHER! I DIDN'T SEE THIS COMING!

JUST ONCE I'D LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING GO EXACTLY ACCORDING TO PLAN!



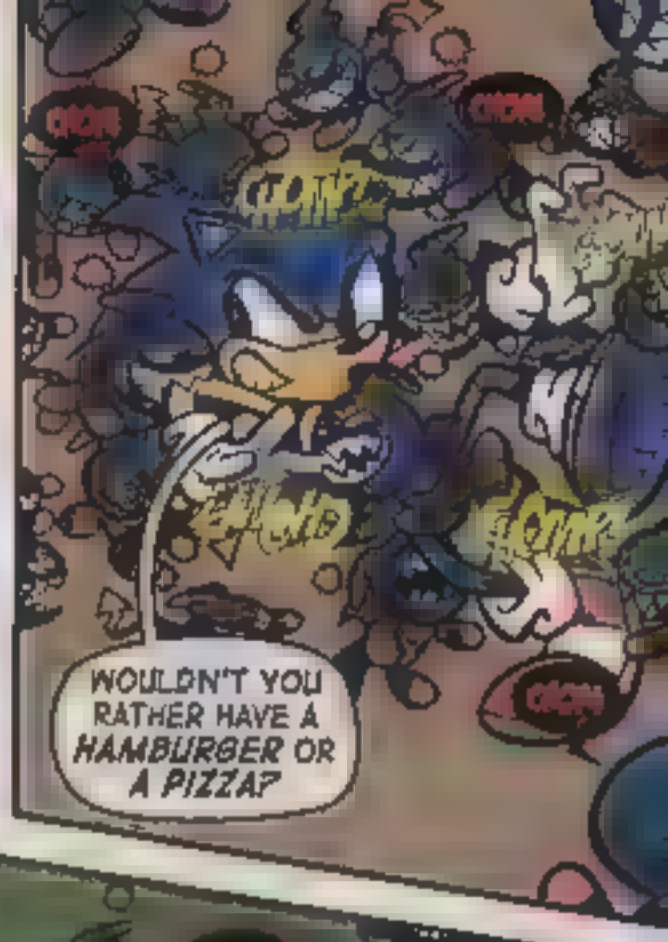


OY VEY
IST MER!

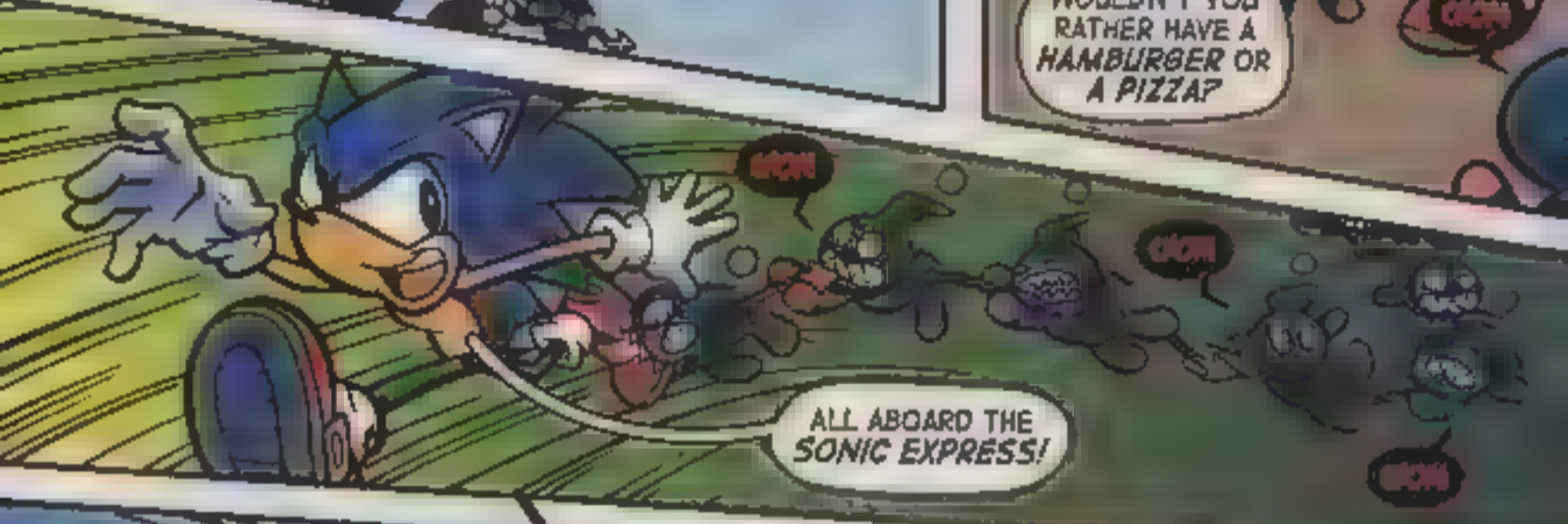
IS THAT A NEW
ACCENT, OFFICER
ALBRIGHT?

CHAO!

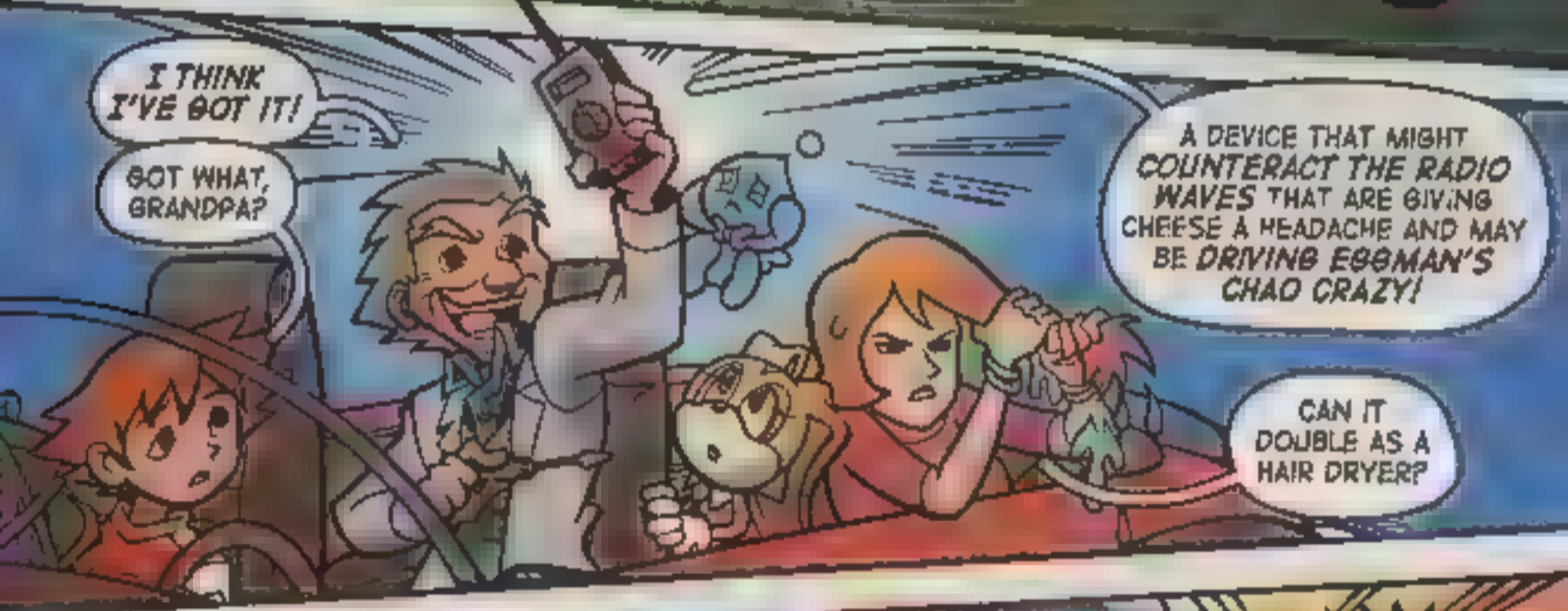
YES IN A
PRODUCTION OF
"JULIUS CAESAR"
I'M OPENING
TONIGHT—IF WE
SURVIVE, THAT IS!



WOULDN'T YOU
RATHER HAVE A
HAMBURGER OR
A PIZZA?



ALL ABOARD THE
SONIC EXPRESS!

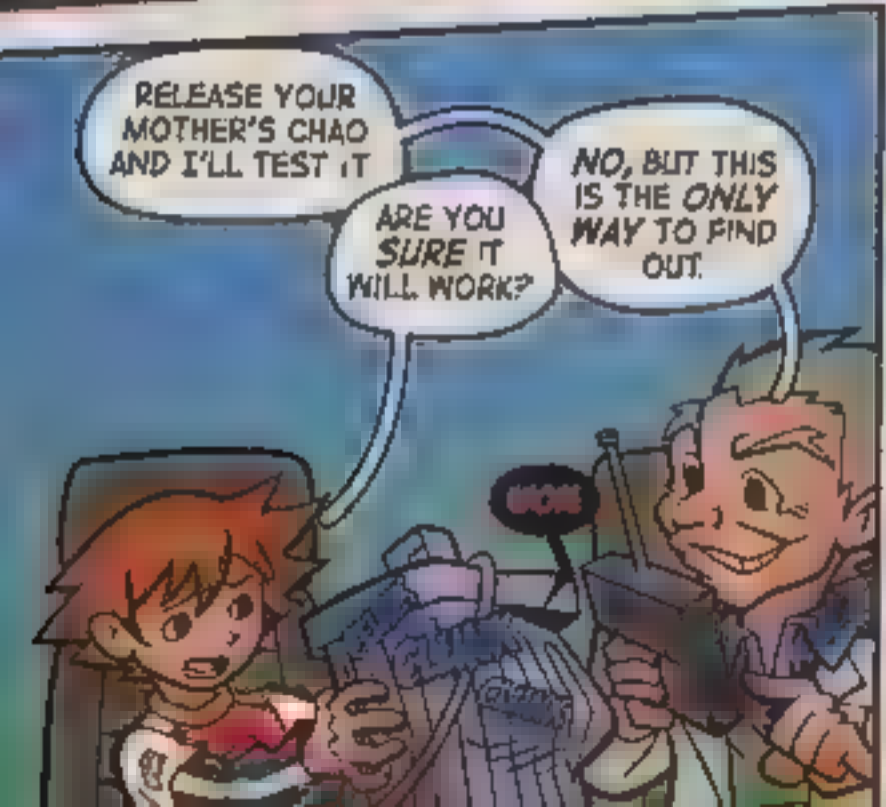


I THINK
I'VE GOT IT!

GOT WHAT,
GRANDPA?

A DEVICE THAT MIGHT
COUNTERACT THE RADIO
WAVES THAT ARE GIVING
CHEESE A HEADACHE AND MAY
BE DRIVING EGGMAN'S
CHAO CRAZY!

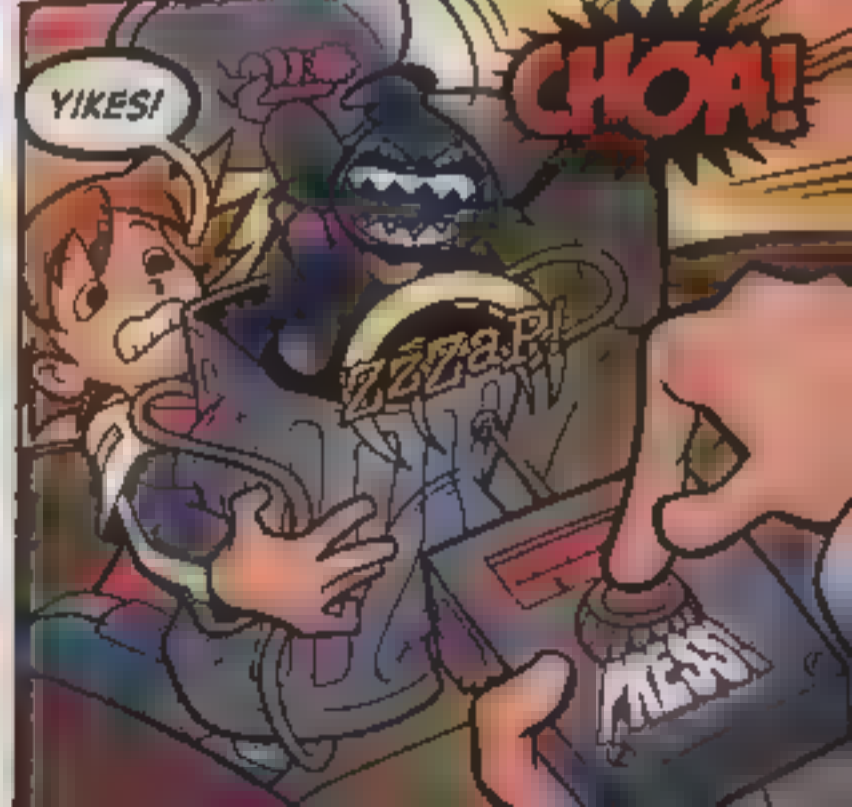
CAN IT
DOUBLE AS A
HAIR DRYER?



RELEASE YOUR
MOTHER'S CHAO
AND I'LL TEST IT

ARE YOU
SURE IT
WILL WORK?

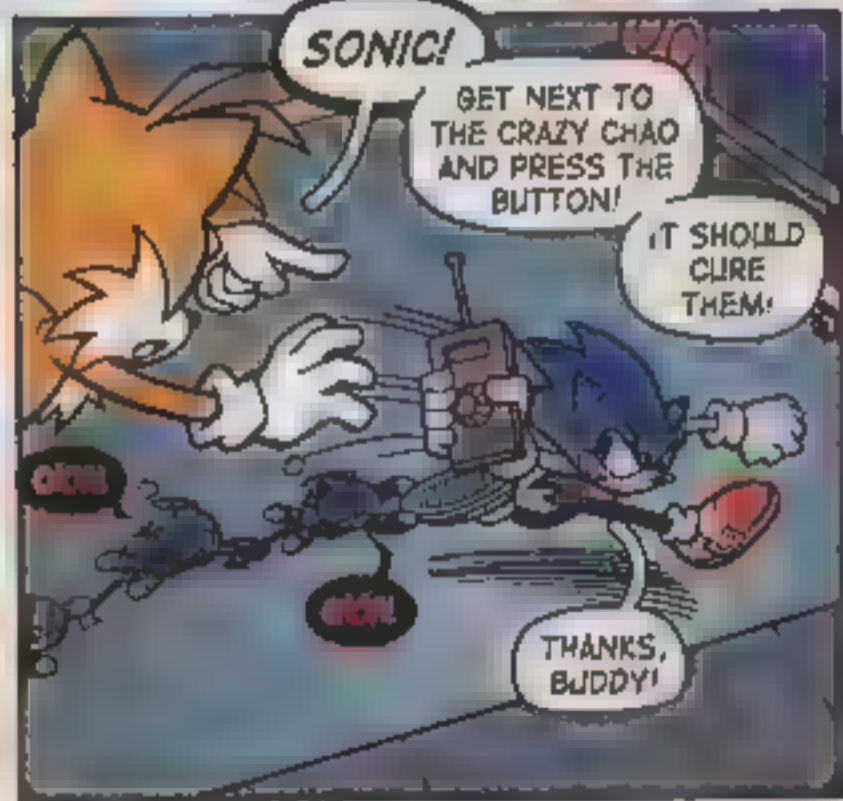
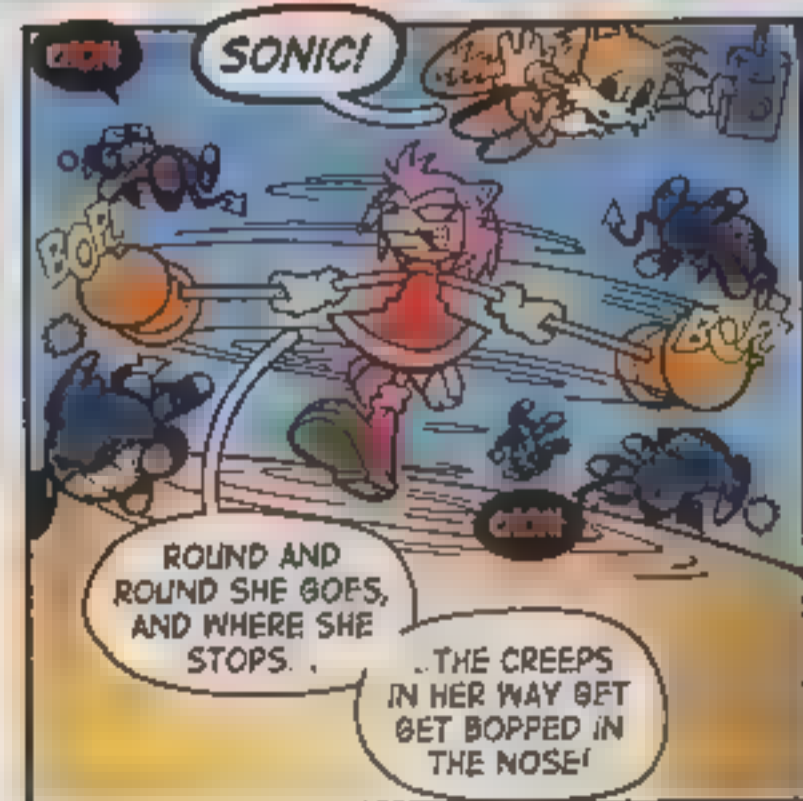
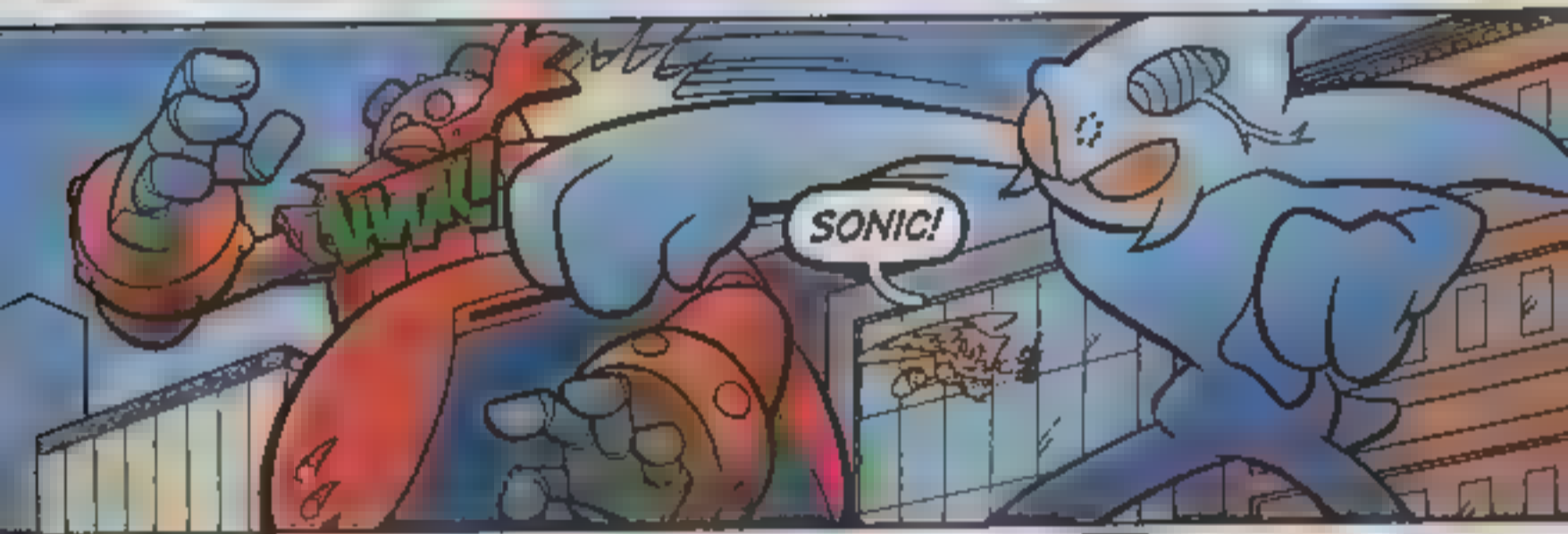
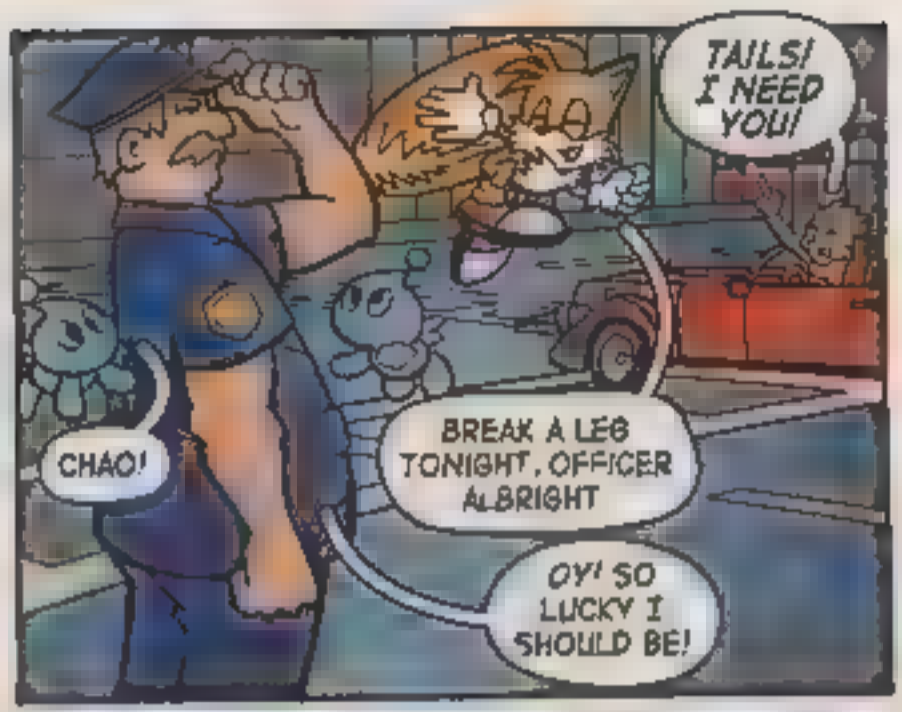
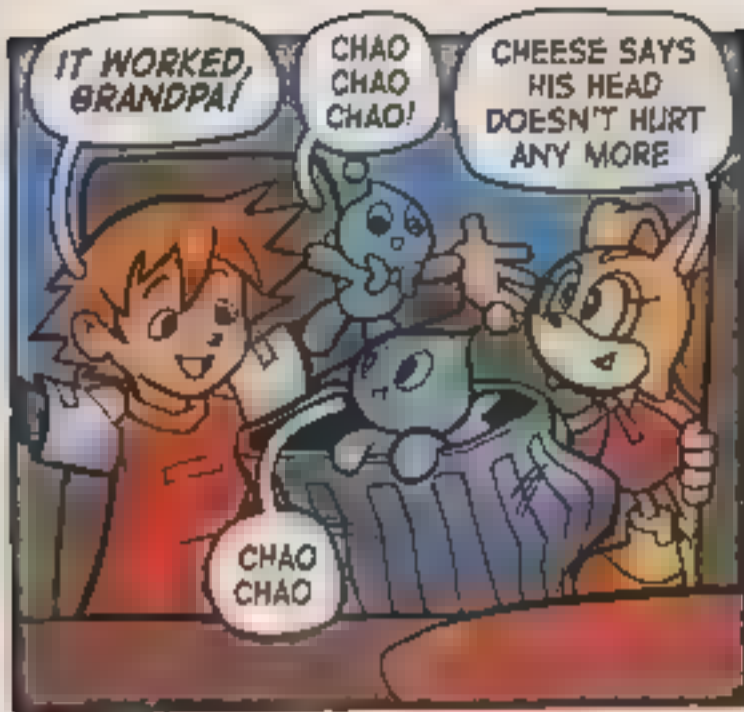
NO, BUT THIS
IS THE ONLY
WAY TO FIND
OUT.

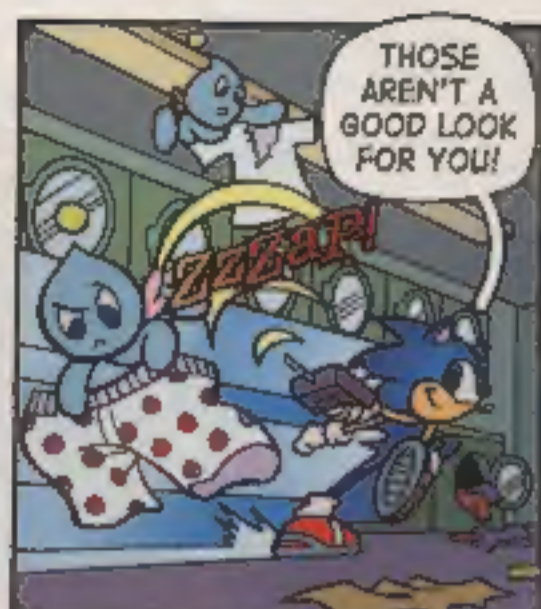


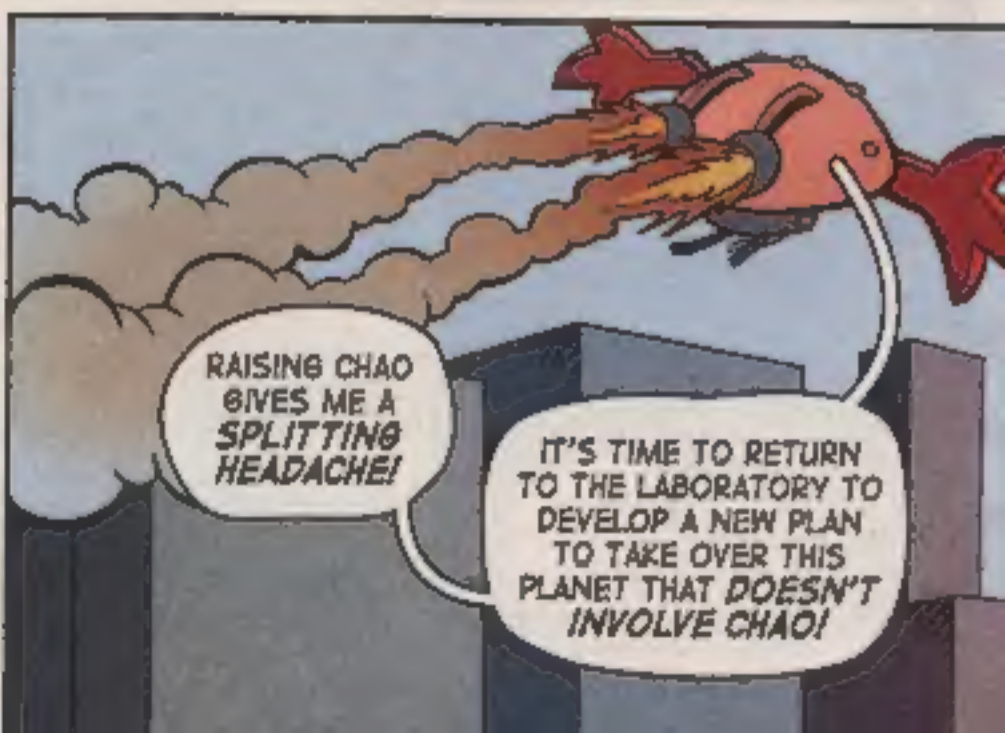
YIKES!

CHOW!

BZZZZ!







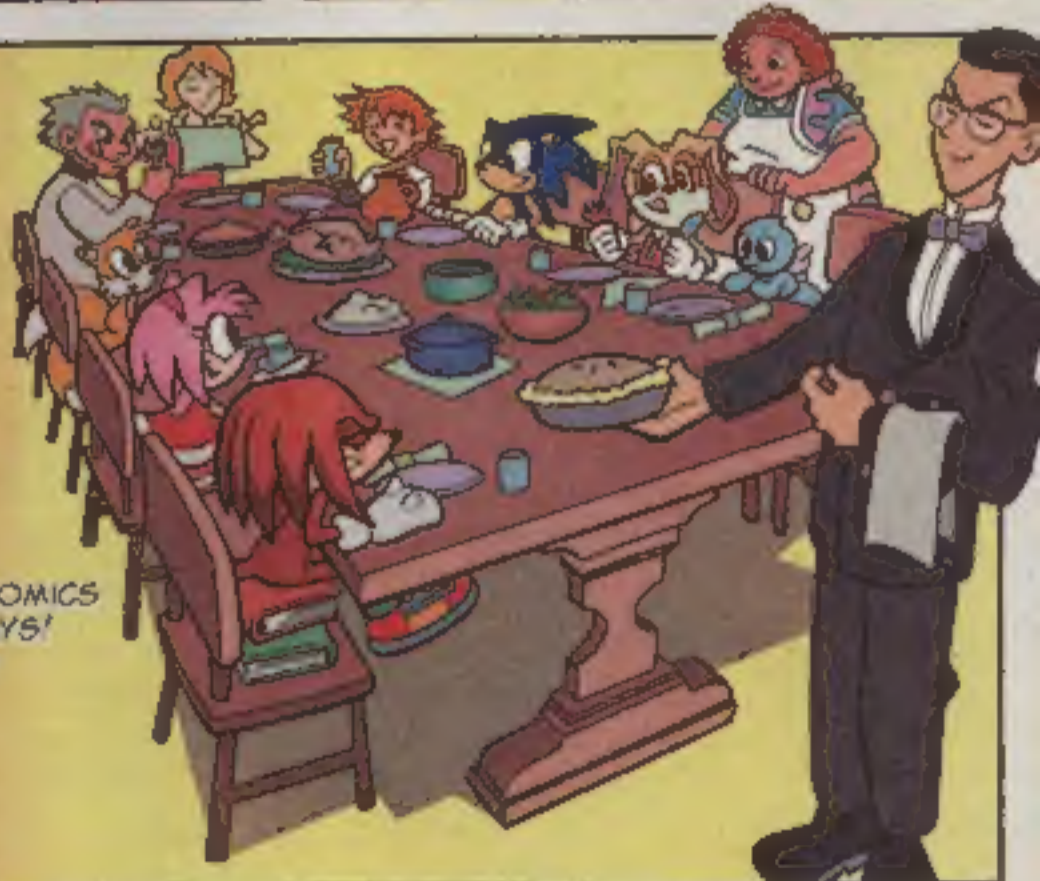


WITH EGGMAN'S LATEST SCHEME DEFEATED, OUR HEROES RETURN TO THORNDYKE MANSION FOR A CELEBRATORY FEAST.

AND WHILE NONE OF THEM WILL EVER FORGET THEIR FEELINGS OF LONELINESS, THEY KNOW THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS HAVE FRIENDS WHO LOVE THEM, AND THAT LOVE WILL ALWAYS HELP THEM GET THROUGH THEIR LONELY DAYS.

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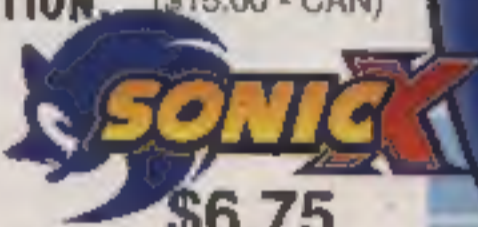
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